

# State of Vermont

## House of Representatives



**Montpelier, Vermont**

### **Concurrent House Resolution**

**H.C.R. 207**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Gift-of-Life Marathon on establishing a new national one-day blood donation record

Offered by: Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Campion of Bennington, Carr of Brandon, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Goodwin of Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Huntley of Cavendish, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krebs of South Hero, Larocque of Barnet, Lewis of Berlin, McCullough of Williston, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Quimby of Concord, Scheuermann of Stowe, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, Mullin, Benning, Cummings, Doyle, Mazza, and Pollina

Whereas, blood supplies are often reduced during the December holiday season, and

Whereas, in order to address this problem in the Rutland area and to foster a sense of community spirit, beginning in 2003 Central Vermont Public Service (now the Green Mountain Power Company) began its Gift-of-Life Marathon at the Paramount Theatre, and

Whereas, Castleton State College, and its President David Wolk, and Rutland radio station WJJR-FM, and its broadcasters, Terry Jaye and Nanci Gordon, were leaders and promoters of the Gift-of-Life Marathon, and

Whereas, in 2012, the Gift-of-Life Marathon nearly set a national one-day blood donation record, and

Whereas, at the behest of Green Mountain Power Company President Mary Powell and Vice President Steve Costello, a long-time Gift-of-Life Marathon organizer, the Red Cross agreed to give Rutland another opportunity in 2013, and

Whereas, on December 16, 2013 at five locations, the Paramount Theatre, the College of St. Joseph, the Elks Lodge, and the American Legion Post 31 in Rutland City, and at the Holiday Inn in Rutland Town, the organizers and the community exerted a maximum effort to achieve this special blood donation milestone, and

Whereas, more than 200 Red Cross staff and 300 volunteers worked tirelessly until 10:00 p.m., and

Whereas, the final total of 2,337 pints far exceeded the one-day 1,968 pint national record set previously in Manchester, New Hampshire, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Gift-of-Life Marathon on establishing a new national one-day blood donation record, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Mountain Power Company, to Castleton State College, to WJJR-FM, to the Red Cross, to each of the hosting organizations, and to the Rutland City and Rutland Town clerks.